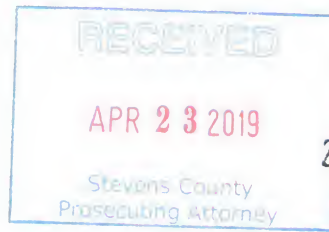


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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF STEVENS

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3 STATE OF WASHINGTON }

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AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

5 County of Stevens }

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7 The undersigned on oath states: I believe that:

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9 (X) Evidence of the crime of **RCW 9A.56.030 Attempted theft in the 1st degree** will be
10 found at the location below:

- 11 1. A white, 2013 Ford Edge vehicle, VIN number 2FMDK4JC9DBB31410,
12 Washington License plate BDE3849, registered to James R. Bolton, currently
13 located at the Stevens County Sheriff's evidence facility.
14 2. All areas inside of the above listed vehicle.
15 3. Search the vehicle for evidence of dye powder, powder residue and any other
16 evidence that dye powder was or is present inside the vehicle.
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18 My belief is based upon the following facts and circumstances:
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1 Affiant's Expertise:

2 I, Travis C. Frizzell, have been employed by the Stevens County Sheriff's Office since
3 July of 2007 and worked as a Deputy until September 2017. I am currently a Detective with the
4 Stevens County Sheriff's Office. I was a Patrol Officer with the City of Chewelah from April
5 2004 until July 2007, and a reserve Officer of the City of Chewelah from 2001 until April 2004.
6 I graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in December 2004.

7 I have been a Field Training Officer and Firearm Instructor for the Chewelah Police
8 Department and Stevens County Sheriff's office. My experience includes investigations of all
9 types of felony and misdemeanor crimes including burglary, assault, sexual offences, theft,
10 forgery, controlled substances, narcotics and traffic offences.

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12 While working on patrol and in investigations, I have had the opportunity to investigate,
13 follow-up, and/or make arrests on cases involving burglaries, thefts, assaults, suicides, equivocal
14 death investigations, rapes, missing persons, harassment, crimes of domestic violence, fraud,
15 forgery, controlled substances both prescription and otherwise, and marijuana grow operations
16 (both indoor and outdoor). I have written or assisted in writing and/or serving numerous search
17 warrants relating to these investigations for over eighteen (18) years.
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20 INVESTIGATION

21 On approximately 031319 I was briefed on two separate cases where threatening letters were left
22 at properties located in Stevens County. The letters were threatening in nature to the property
23 owners and demanded either use of the property, or cash payment to be left alone. The author of
24 the letters claimed to be an organization from outside of the United States and insinuated that it
25 was likely from Mexican Cartel.
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1 Deputy Stroisch responded to the initial complaint that occurred at 4794 Williams Valley Rd. in
2 Stevens County, case numbers 1901722 and 1901737. Details of the initial complaint from Tony
3 Donnelly are as follows.

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5 **Excerpts from Deputy Stroisch's report:**

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7 On 02/26/19, about 1100 hrs, I was dispatched to a Threats report at 4794 William Valley Rd in
8 Stevens County, WA. Tony DONNELLY states found a death threat posted on his girlfriend's
9 (Gayle COLLINS) gate. DONNELLY states he has been staying at the above address and has
10 possible suspect information.

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12 Dispatch advised DONNELLY is at the front office for contact.

13
14 I responded to the Sheriff's Office and contacted DONNELLY there. DONNELLY stated he
15 went outside and located the letter this morning taped to the gate. DONNELLY states he did
16 open it and read it so he may have his fingerprints on it. DONNELLY said he dropped the letter
17 after reading it and picked it back up with a glove on. DONNELLY said he came directly to the
18 Sheriff's Office to make the report.

19
20 I looked at the letter and did a Google search for the name and company that was on the top. The
21 results were from the name a singer from Mexico and the company is a food distribution services
22 in California.

23
24 I asked DONNELLY if he has any known suspects who would possibly do this to him.
25 DONNELLY said he has had easement issues with Stormy WALLACE in the past and has gone
26 to court over it. DONNELLY said he hasn't been staying at his property off of Wild Trax Way
27 due to all the snow. DONNELLY said he isn't sure if the WALLACE's know where he has been
28 staying but from the letter he takes they have been watching him.

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2 I took the letter and envelope as evidence after photographing them. I had DONNELLY fill out
3 a statement. Refer to attached letter. I explained to DONNELLY I would write a report and as
4 soon as we have suspect information the letter will be sent off for possible fingerprints. I gave
5 DONNELLY a case number to refer to.

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7 I later put the letter and envelope into evidence.
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9 At about 1540 hrs, I was dispatched to a second caller (Danielle HOLSTINE) who states she
10 received a letter as well. HOLSTINE lives off of Gibson Dahl Rd not far from DONNELLY.
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12 I contacted HOLSTINE by phone and asked her what happened. HOLSTINE said she found a
13 letter on her property that was stuck to a tree. HOLSTINE read the letter to me. I confirmed it
14 was the same letter that DONNELLY received. I explained to HOLSTINE about the same letter
15 being reported by her neighbor on Williams Valley Rd. HOLSTINE said she believes it to be a
16 scam but wanted to report it anyway just in case. I gave HOLSTINE case number 1901722 and
17 stated I would add her information to the previous report. HOLSTINE said she understood.

18 I told HOLSTINE if there's any suspicious activity to call in and report it. HOLSTINE said she
19 understood.
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21 I attempted to contacted DONNELLY to advise of the second letter and left a message.
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23 On 02/27/19, about 0730 hrs, I received a message to contact DONNELLY with as he had
24 additional information.
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26 I contacted DONNELLY by phone and asked him what information he had. DONNELLY said
27 he set up a hidden camera and put a letter with purple powder in his mailbox in attempt to catch
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1 the suspect. DONNELLY said he has video of a smaller SUV type car pulling up to the mailbox
2 and removing the letter.

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4 DONNELLY said previous to this he located a suspicious vehicle and pursued it but it got away.
5 DONNELLY said he was out searching for the car when COLLINS called 911 about the car at
6 the mailbox. Refer to case 1901737.

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8 DONNELLY e-mailed the video to me. I looked at the video. It was difficult to determine who
9 was driving the vehicle or get a plate number or make of the vehicle. DONNELLY said he has a
10 second e-mail he is sending me with what he believes is the suspects vehicle. DONNELLY said
11 the photo was captured on his property on Wild Trax Way. DONNELLY said he believes the
12 WALLACEs are doing this.

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14 I asked DONNELLY about the second letter a neighbor received and he said he doesn't know
15 why they got one. I asked DONNELLY where he got the purple dye. DONNELLY said it is a
16 powder that he got off of the Internet as he was having break ins at his own property.

17 DONNELLY said it is very sticky and the suspect should have it on them or in their car.

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19 I explained to DONNELLY I will document this in my report. I went on to say if he sees
20 anything suspicious to call 911 immediately. DONNELLY said he understood.

21
22 **End Deputy Stroisch's report.**

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24 **Excerpts from Deputy Peterson's report:**

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26 On 02/26/19 at approximately 1922 hrs I was dispatched to a report of a threat at 4794 Williams
27 Valley rd in Stevens County WA. Dispatch advised me that a threat had previously been reported
28 at the listed address. The previous report was that someone left a letter taped to the victims fence.

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1 The letter demanded 10,000 dollars cash or physical harm would come to their family. See
2 Deputy Stroisch report for further details, #1901730.

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4 On 02/26/19 at approximately 1922 hrs the victim, Gayle Collins said the suspect vehicle arrived
5 at her house and took a letter from their mailbox. According to Gayle, she was supposed to leave
6 the money in the mail box according to the letter. Instead of leaving money, Gayle left a letter
7 with blue dye in it. Gayle said a white SUV stopped at the mailbox and took the letter. Gayle's
8 husband attempted to follow the vehicle but was unable to keep up with the suspect vehicle.

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10 Gayle was able to take a photo of the suspect vehicle. I looked at the photo and was unable to
11 determine anything other than it appeared to be a white SUV. The photo was in black and white
12 and was taken at a distance.

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14 Deputy Schumacher searched the area and was unable to locate the vehicle.

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16 **End Deputy Peterson's report.**

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19 On 031219 Under Sheriff Erdman took the second complaint of a very similar letter that was left
20 on a property at 2408 C. Pleasant Valley Rd. in Stevens County. Under Sheriff Erdman was
21 advised by the victim, Thomas Troup, that the letter was left on a vehicle behind his house
22 almost two weeks earlier, and he had not reported the threat to law enforcement until now as he
23 was afraid for he and his families' lives, and had attempted to get at least some of the money
24 demanded in the letter. Under Sheriff Erdman completed a report for this complaint in case
25 number 1902284.

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27 **Excerpts from Under Sheriff Erdman's report:**

1 On 03/12/2019 I was contacted at the Sheriff's Office by Tom Troup and Judy Atkinson. Tom
2 and Judy did not want to speak in public and indicated that it was concerning something
3 sensitive.

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5 We went back to my office. Tom requested that we shut my door. Tom produced a two page
6 typed letter. He indicated that he had received the letter on the morning of 02/28/2019. He found
7 it that morning in a manilla envelope on the windshield of his vehicle. Tom indicated that it had
8 not been there previously and believed that it had been placed there in the night while they slept.

9
10 I reviewed the letter. It was addressed to them by name and had their address listed. The letter
11 stated that "they" were going to acquire their property unless they paid them \$250,000 within 15
12 days. The author of the letter indicated that if they did not comply, they would be taken and
13 killed. It also indicated that they would visit their daughter and her children in CA and eliminate
14 their neighbors if they did not meet their demands.

15
16 The letter threatens them if they contact law enforcement. The author eludes to being part of a
17 criminal enterprise or gang. The name on the letter appears to be of Spanish origin (Alessio Don
18 De Grande), Tom thought it might be a Mexican drug cartel or gang. Directions were provided
19 on how they were to comply with the demands.

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21 Tom stated that they were very concerned about the letter and were fearing for their lives. Tom
22 was carrying his firearm with him. He also inquired about ballistic vests. I could see that they
23 were scared. They had been unsure of what action they should take or not take. They had been
24 afraid to contact police. They placed a red ribbon on their flag pole to indicate they received the
25 information, as directed. They went to their broker today to see about getting some money to
26 leave for the suspect(s). They indicated that they did not have the amount of money the suspect
27 requested. They hoped that if they left some money, they would be left alone.

1 Tom said that they told their broker about the letter and he told them to speak to the Sheriff. Tom
2 and Judy were in Spokane and went to the Spokane County Sheriff. They spoke to the "second in
3 command" there. They could not recall his name. He recommended that they contact the Stevens
4 County Sheriff's Office immediately. They then responded to the Stevens County Sheriff's
5 Office.

6
7 I was familiar with Tom and Judy's property. It is rural. They have a long access road and the
8 neighbors are a distance away. The suspect(s) would likely have used the access road to
9 approach their residence and vehicle. Otherwise, they would have had to travel a significant
10 distance across the snow to reach the residence.

11
12 Tom had possession of the letter for about 12 days and had written some comments and marks
13 on it. It did not appear to be useful for fingerprinting at that time. I made copies of the letter.
14 Tom and Judy did not know of anyone that might be responsible for this letter and the
15 threats/extortion.

16
17 I checked our local records and learned that we had three similar complaints from the same time
18 period: 1901737, 1901730, and 1901722. These all originated in the Clayton area around the last
19 week of February. The same name was on the typed letter taken in on 1901722.

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21 **End Under Sheriff Erdman's report.**

22
23 I contacted Thomas Troup by phone on 031419 and spoke to him about the letter that had been
24 left on his property. Troup stated that he was very concerned about someone showing up at his
25 property on this night or the next, as he believed that the night of the 14th was the deadline for
26 him to have the money and leave it as instructed in the letter. Troup did say that he had not
27 followed the directions on the letter by placing colored ribbons on his flag pole, and there had
28 been no further communication from anyone since he had received the letter.

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2 Troup stated that he had spoken to his "good friend Russell Bolton" about the letter, and advised
3 that he had been friends with Bolton for some time, as he was a member of the Stevens County
4 Assembly. I asked Troup if he was familiar with Tony Donnelly, and Troup stated that he did
5 not know Donnelly. Troup stated that Bolton had told him he and his wife had both recently
6 received death threats by phone. Troup stated that he did not think the threats Bolton and his
7 wife received were connected to the letter he had received.
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9 On 031819 I contacted James R. Bolton by phone and asked him if he would be available to
10 speak with me. Bolton stated that he would be available the following morning at his office in
11 Chewelah.
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14 I met with James Bolton at his office at 115 N. 3rd St. East in Chewelah at 0815 hours on
15 031919. I asked Bolton if he was aware of the threat letter left to Troup and he stated that he had
16 spoken to Troup about it. I asked Bolton about the threatening phone calls he had received that
17 were reported to me by Troup. Bolton stated that he had received death threats, but he stated that
18 he was not concerned about them as "it is common in his work". Bolton stated that he had not
19 reported the threats to law enforcement and he did not care to pursue the threats at all.
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21 I asked Bolton if he knew Tony Donnelly. Bolton stated that he does know Donally, as Donally
22 has attended Stevens County Assembly meetings on and off for approximately a year and a half.
23

24 Due to the fact that Troup and Donnelly both attend the Assembly meetings, I asked Bolton if
25 anyone would be trying to damage the Assembly financially for any reason, and if he thought the
26 threats made to him may be associated with the letters to his members. Bolton stated that the
27 Assembly "has no money", and they only have about \$900 in their account. Bolton stated that he
28 did not think
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1 the threats were related to the letters, and stated that he was sure Timothy Schwantz had put
2 someone up to threatening him as Schwantz was angry with him for not being allowed to speak
3 at their last meeting, which occurred on 031119.

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5 Bolton stated that Schwantz had left the meeting angry, and then had sent Bolton an angry e-mail
6 a day or two later. Bolton stated that the phone number that called him had not been blocked,
7 and provided a number of 425-516-4708. Bolton stated that the male on the phone identified
8 himself as "John" and made several references to being former law enforcement, former military
9 and being a 3%er. Bolton stated that the person who made the call told him personal information
10 about his family, where his wife works and things of this nature.

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12 The information that Bolton had described to me that was given to him in the threatening phone
13 call sounded similar to information that was in the letters given to Donnelly and Troup. Bolton
14 reiterated that he did not think that they were connected.

15
16 While talking with Bolton, and his reasoning for not being concerned about the threats, I was
17 advised numerous times of Bolton's military background, counter-insurgency training, him being
18 a private investigator and working with various law enforcement agencies in North Carolina and
19 Virginia, and the fact that he currently trains members of the Stevens County Assembly in hand
20 to hand combat. Bolton stated that he has received numerous threats over the years due to his
21 work, and he disregards the threats.

22
23 When I asked why Donnelly and Troup may have been targeted for the threatening letters
24 demanding money, Bolton stated that Donnelly is always engaged in neighbor disputes, and he
25 had been "accused several times of extortion". Bolton stated that he does not know specifics of
26 the accusations, but did say that he had to wonder about Donnelly as he had been accused of the
27 same thing so many times.

1 Bolton then stated that Troup continually has confrontations with a lot of different people
2 because of his personality. Bolton stated that Troup had been in neighborhood disputes with
3 most of his neighbors, and does not get along with too many people as he is outspoken. Bolton
4 stated that he was aware that Troup had recently sold property in California as well.

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6 Bolton advised that his office had been broken into several months earlier, with access made by
7 the exterior door and an inner office door. Bolton stated that this did not happen in conjunction
8 with any threats, and he was unsure if anything had been taken. Bolton stated that he had not
9 reported this to authorities at the time and no damage had been done to his office.

10
11 After I left the interview with Bolton, I checked the phone number that he provided me as the
12 number who had called threatening him and his wife. The phone number 425-516-4708 belongs
13 to a John Valle, with a Nine Mile Falls, Stevens County address. An internet search of Valle
14 indicated that he was involved with the Spokane area American Patriots 3% group.

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16 I contacted Bolton by phone and asked him if he was familiar with Valle. Bolton stated that the
17 name seemed familiar but he was not sure why, and he was certain that he does not know Valle.
18 Bolton then stated that he may have heard the name through Timothy Schwantz.

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20 I contacted Timothy Schwantz by phone and he responded to the Sheriff's office to speak to me.
21 Schwantz arrived and I spoke with him on 031919 at 1235 hours. I asked Schwantz about his
22 affiliation with Bolton, and Schwantz confirmed that he had been going to Stevens County
23 Assembly meetings for several years, aside from the past two years while he was recovering
24 from medical issues. Schwantz stated that he was angry with Bolton during the last meeting on
25 031119, as Schwantz wanted to speak about a topic and was not given an opportunity to speak.
26 Schwantz denied putting anyone up to making death threats to Bolton, saying that he was angry,
27 and he had sent Bolton an e-mail communicating that, but Schwantz stated that he would get
28 over it soon and he and Bolton would be getting along again.

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2 Schwantz did say that he had heard of John Valle, but he does not know much about him.

3 Schwantz thought that Valle had been to Assembly meetings in years past, but was not positive.

4 Schwantz stated that Ken Barker would know more about Valle.
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6 On 032519 I contacted Ken Barker at his residence and spoke wit him about Bolton and Valle.

7 Barker stated that he does know Valle, and Valle works for and trains members of American

8 Patriots. Barker stated that he was at the last Assembly meeting, and he had known Bolton for

9 several years, but does not trust him. Barker stated that Bolton had been pushing for donations

10 when he first started the Stevens County Assembly, and had one particular member early on that

11 donated a lot of money. Barker advised that that member and Bolton had a falling out some time

12 later, and the Assembly had not had anyone providing significant donations since. Barker stated

13 that Bolton had told numerous people that if they did not increase the Assembly membership and

14 begin to get more donations, then Bolton would re-locate and start over. Barker stated that he

15 Valle had recently posted information on line that had exposed Bolton as a fraud, but could not

16 provide much detail.
17

18 On 032519 I contacted John Valle by phone. Valle stated that he had called Bolton, but denied

19 making any death threats. Valle stated that he had been notified by people working on filing

20 citizen affidavit's with Stevens County District court concerning the gun control bill that had

21 been passed last year. Valle had been advised that Bolton had not been involved, and then

22 arrived at a meeting and began to provide bad information and telling people not to file their

23 affidavit. Valle stated that this seemed to be trying to undermine the goal of the affidavit filing,

24 so he called Bolton to find out why he would be doing this. Valle stated that he had spoken to

25 Bolton's son, and had left a voice mail on another phone number, but he did not leave any threats

26 on either call he made.
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1 Aside from the two phone calls, Valle stated that he does not have any ties to Bolton or the
2 Stevens County Assembly.

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4 On 032819 I received a voice mail on my work office phone from Bolton. Bolton advised that
5 there were "new developments" in the case and stated that we would need to have a "serious
6 conversation". Bolton requested I call him back if I was still working the case.

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8 I called Bolton back after I received the message. Bolton stated at this time that he had been
9 receiving a lot of threatening e-mails that were concerning him. I told Bolton that I would like to
10 see the e-mails. Bolton then advised that "they" had hacked his computer and it got a virus, and
11 his computer had crashed, so there was nothing I would be able to see immediately. Bolton
12 stated that he was taking his computer to Spokane to have someone attempt to restore it. Bolton
13 then advised that a few days prior to this, while on his way home from Chewelah, he was
14 followed by a red Ford pickup. Bolton stated that after he had turned onto Bluecreek Rd. in
15 Stevens County, the pickup passed him, occupants yelled at him, and the pickup had ran him off
16 of the roadway. Bolton stated that the license plate had been covered with cardboard. I asked
17 Bolton if he had reported this when it happened, and he stated that he had not reported it to law
18 enforcement.

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20 I advised Bolton at this time that I was going to be out of the office for several days, and he
21 should contact our office and report these items and forward the e-mails he had received. Bolton
22 failed to follow up with the Sheriff's office.

23
24 On 040819 I was contacted by Timothy Schwantz again. Schwantz had been trying to contact
25 me the prior week, and I was not available. Schwantz met with me in the Sheriff's office and
26 advised that he had met with Stevens County Assembly member Eric Schweitzer on 040219.
27 Schwantz stated that Schweitzer was "paranoid and frantic", which is uncommon for him.

1 Schwantz advised that Schwietzer told him that Bolton had "lost his mind" and "tried to kill"
2 another friend and Assembly member Mark Etchieson.

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4 Schwantz stated that the assault had occurred in Spokane, and Etchieson had gone to the hospital
5 after Bolton had beat him and placed a plastic bag over his head.

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7 On 040919 I responded to Spokane and obtained a Spokane Police report made by Etcheison on
8 040319. Etcheison reported to Spokane Police on this date that Bolton had gone to his residence
9 at 214 E. Heroy Ave. in Spokane and had pushed him down the stairs, causing Etcheison to hit
10 his head on the cement floor. Etcheison had a large cut on his head due to the contact with the
11 floor that was bleeding profusely. Etcheison reported that while trying to get up, Bolton
12 restrained him from standing and attempted to place a plastic bag around Etcheison's face.
13 Etcheison reported that he thought Bolton was attempting to kill him by doing this, and even
14 pinched his nose with one hand during the scuffle. Etcheison stated that Bolton eventually
15 stopped his assault, and then told Etcheison that "they" had kidnapped Bolton's wife Kim, and
16 were demanding \$100,000 for her release.

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18 After Bolton left the residence Etcheison had a neighbor drive him to the hospital for medical
19 assistance. Spokane case report 2019-20058063 will be added to the case file.

20
21 I was able to contact Etcheison, and met him at his residence in Spokane on 040919 at 1045
22 hours. Etcheison provided a recorded statement about Bolton assaulting him on 033119.
23 Etcheison stated that he believes Bolton had indeed attempted to kill him by suffocation after
24 Etcheison was knocked down his stairs and hit his head on the cement floor. Etcheison stated
25 that Bolton only stopped his attack on Etcheison after several minutes of struggling, and
26 Etcheison yelling "why are you trying to kill me?". Etcheison stated that is when Bolton told
27 him that "they" had kidnapped Kim, Bolton's wife, and Bolton needed \$100,000 to pay ransom to
28 "them" in order to get Kim back.

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2 Etcheison stated that they went upstairs and looked at a calendar, and Bolton was pointing at the
3 days on the calendar asking when Etcheison could get him money. Etcheison stated that he told
4 Bolton he would be able to get money, and Bolton left the residence.
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6 Etcheison stated that once Bolton left, he was able to get a neighbor to drive him to the hospital
7 for treatment of his injuries, and he then lied to the hospital and initially to the police about how
8 he was injured, as he was afraid if he had told anyone that Kim had been kidnapped, Kim may be
9 killed by her kidnappers, as he had believed Bolton's story initially.
10

11 Etcheison stated that he has since sold his stock portfolio, and had the \$100,000 check at his
12 broker's office waiting to be picked up. Etcheison stated that he was initially going to give
13 Bolton his money, which is the majority of his life savings, as he did not want anything bad to
14 happen to Kim. Etcheison stated that after a few days went by, and he had received e-mails from
15 Bolton saying that Kim had been released by her kidnappers, but they are still awaiting payment,
16 he began to question the validity of Bolton's story.
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18 This is only a summary of the recorded statement made by Etcheison. For complete details of
19 the statement refer to the recording (approximately 20 minutes). The recorded statement was
20 later forwarded to records.
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22 After Etcheison provided his recorded statement, he showed me two e-mails he had received
23 from Bolton. The first e-mail to Etcheison from Bolton was received on 040219, two days after
24 Bolton assaulted Etcheison and claimed that his wife had been kidnapped. The e-mail reads as
25 follows:
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28 From:
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1 Raith <raith@protonmail.com>

2 04/02/2019 (4 days ago)

3 To: Marketchmark@protonmail.com

4 Custom Filter

5 Move to

6 Label as

7 ReplyReply allForwardMore

8 Show details

9 Mark,

10
11 3 perps showed up at my office after i returned to Chewelah Sunday evening. I informed them of
12 our arrangement.

13 Same rules still apply . No contact with anyone else. They released K, but await the transaction
14 to solidify the deal.

15 After that, they assure us nothing else will transpire. They did rough me up a little, but I'm fine.
16 Hope you are.

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18 We are witnessing the end of the US as we have known it. I am so proud of you and will always
19 respect your gracious disposition. WE ARE NOT FINISHED MY FRIEND! We both have seen
20 the dark side of this now and that should make us stronger.

21 We are survivors!

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23 Details:

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25 After your read this, change your email address and your phone number immediately. We are
26 doing the same. We can use this account to communicate only.

27 Secondly, we will begin a cool off period: 6months
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1 Thirdly: the professional side: none of this ever happened. We must both force ourselves to let
2 this pass. We will over-come.

3 4th: Don't take any calls form CPT or any assembly member. They are monitoring that.

4 Last: met with the CPT and briefed them carefully. We are all going dark for a time to put some
5 space between us and this situation. This is the real rest for us to see who we really are. I know
6 that now. I almost failed and you saved me.

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8 Contact me when the transaction is ready. Be discreet. They are calling me every day and
9 following me everywhere.

10 Lets get this over-with. We will rise again in a different fashion.

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12 Sent from ProtonMail, encrypted email based in Switzerland.

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14 **End of e-mail.**

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16 Etchieson stated that "Raith" is known to him to be Bolton's user name on his protonmail
17 account. The second e-mail he had received from Bolton came from a different e-mail account,
18 and was sent to all of the Stevens County Assembly members. This e-mail was received by
19 Etchieson on 040219. This e-mail reads as follows:

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21 Special message.

22 From:

23 Russell <r7bravo@gmail.com>

24 04/02/2019 (4 days ago)

25 To: Undisclosed Recipients

26 Custom Filter

27 Move to

28 Label as

1 ReplyReply allForwardMore

2 Show details

3 Dear friends,

4
5 I am going to be very brief. I regret to inform you due to heinous and sensational behaviors
6 (Threats) as well as a visit from 3 very persuasive men who knew way to much about not only
7 me but about many of you, we will no longer have the monthly meeting in Chewelah.

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9 WA state is being over-run by socialist/liberals and there doesn't seem to be any organized force
10 who will stop them. So many people here get emotionally embroiled in rumors and lies far to
11 easily trusting in sources that have accomplished absolutely nothing. However, as far as my
12 efforts, as they say, that is the end of that.

13
14 I would leave you all with a warning that I hope you will research for yourselves. "Trans-
15 humanism". This is the chief driver behind Globalism and the subversive scourge unfolding in
16 America. All roads lead to trans-humanism.

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18 Understand this and you will understand everything that taking place.

19
20 God bless you all and I thank you for your friendship and trust that you will prepare for the times
21 to come.

22
23 This email service will be deleted after this message is sent. I apologize that it has come to this. I
24 am not deterred, just relocated.

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26 **End of e-mail.**

1 Etcheison provided me with digital copies of the two e-mails he had received from Bolton. The
2 e-mails were later forwarded to records. Etcheison stated that he had been friends with Bolton
3 and worked with Bolton on Stevens County Assembly business for approximately the past 5
4 years. Etcheison stated that Bolton was aware that Etcheison had a stock portfolio, and had
5 knowledge of a silver collection that Etcheison kept in his residence. Etcheison stated that
6 Bolton had been to his residence approximately a week prior to the assault, and Etcheison had
7 his silver collection in a tool box on his dining room table, and Bolton had seen it there.
8 Etcheison stated that his silver collection is worth \$8,800.

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10 Etcheison stated that he had spoken to Eric Schweitzer about everything that had happened
11 between him and Bolton, and asked that I speak with Schweitzer.

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13 I contacted Eric Schweitzer and met him at his residence at 720 Arden Butte Rd. Schweitzer
14 completed a recorded interview on 040919 at 1416 hours. During the interview, Schweitzer told
15 me about the phone conversation he had with Etcheison, where Etcheison described to him about
16 being assaulted by Bolton. Schweitzer stated that he had called Etcheison and several other
17 Assembly members after receiving an e-mail from Bolton about stopping the Assembly
18 meetings.

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20 Schweitzer stated the e-mail made him feel afraid for all of his friends that were involved in the
21 Assembly, and against the instructions in the e-mail from Bolton, he called several members.
22 Schweitzer stated that he eventually got a phone call from Bolton, who was not happy hearing
23 that Schweitzer had called numerous people, and Schweitzer stated that Bolton had told him to
24 stop calling and asking questions.

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26 Schweitzer stated that Bolton had told him about being attacked outside of his office in
27 Chewelah, and the attack was done by three "professionals". Bolton had told Schweitzer that he
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1 had put one of the attackers in the hospital, but was subdued by the other two. Then threats were
2 made by the people that Bolton needed to stop the Assembly meetings.

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4 This is a brief summary of the interview with Schweitzer. For complete details of the interview
5 refer to the recording (39 min, 46 sec). The interview with Schweitzer was forwarded to records.

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7 After speaking with Schwantz, Echeison, and Schweitzer, and having two different conversations
8 with Bolton where he had given statements indicating he had been a victim of several crimes
9 without ever reporting any to law enforcement.

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11 On 041019 I checked all vehicle's registered to James Bolton through dispatch. Bolton has a
12 2013, white in color Ford Edge registered to him with his Stevens County address. I checked the
13 video provided by Donnelly, the initial complainant of receiving a threatening letter demanding
14 \$10,000 cash, and the vehicle in the video that is shown picking up a letter out of Donnelly's
15 mail box appears very similar to a Ford Edge. It is impossible to say that it is the same vehicle
16 due to the poor video quality.

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18 Donnelly, Troup, and now Echieson have all received letters, or a fabricated story in exchange
19 for them paying money. Bolton has personal knowledge of all three victims as they are all
20 members of the Stevens County Assembly, in which Bolton runs.

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22 Due to the facts and circumstances listed above, I believe there is probable cause that James R.
23 Bolton had left the letters on the Donnelly and Troup property that made threats and demanded
24 money, specifically \$10,000 from Donnelly and \$250,000 from Troup. I believe there is probable
25 cause that James R. Bolton had fabricated a story about his wife being kidnapped in an attempt to
26 steal by deception \$100,000 from Echeison.

27 Due to my training and experience, I believe that evidence of these crimes will be located on
28 computer files, hard drives or digital media storage belonging to James R. Bolton. I know though

1 my training and experience that if items such as the threatening letters issued to Donnelly and
2 Troup were typed and saved on a computer, lap top computer or cellular device, and then
3 transferred to another computer and even deleted, there will be digital evidence of the documents
4 that is likely to be recovered by forensics. Because of this I would like to seize all computers
5 and digital media storage devices belong to Bolton.

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7 I have been advised that it is likely that the Washington State Patrol crime laboratory can say if a
8 specific document had been printed from a specific printer if both items are provided for
9 examination. Because of this I would like to seize all computer printers belonging to Bolton.

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11 Due to the above facts and circumstances, I am requesting to search all areas inside of the office
12 space located at 115 N. 3rd St. East in Chewelah, Stevens County, which is known to me to be
13 rented from Lynn Husby by James R. Bolton. This is where I met with Bolton to interview him
14 initially about this case, and I am aware that he uses this space for his working office.

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16 I am requesting to seize a 2013 Ford Edge registered to James R. Bolton as the vehicle is similar
17 to a vehicle caught on video by victim Donnelly attempting to pick up \$10,000 from the
18 Donnelly mail box that had been demanded in a threat letter. Donnelly had placed a purple/blue
19 dye powder inside the envelope that had been picked up by the suspect. It is likely that the
20 envelope was opened inside the suspect vehicle, therefore leaving a quantity of this dye powder
21 inside the suspect vehicle.

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23 Along with the dye powder, I know that the vehicle is equipped with a factory infotainment
24 system per a search of the vehicle's VIN number. The vehicle operated from 022019 to 041119
25 by James R. Bolton is equipped with an infotainment system which is installed within the center
26 console/dashboard. These systems are designed to store a vast amount of data which may
27 include recent destinations, favorite locations, call logs, contact lists, SMS messages, emails,
28 pictures, videos, social media feeds, and the navigation history of everywhere the vehicle has
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1 traveled. These systems may also record events such as the activation and deactivation of the
2 vehicle's headlights, the opening and closing of doors at a specific location, and the location of
3 the vehicle at the time Bluetooth devices are connected. This data will be acquired to assist law
4 enforcement during their investigation."
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6 I had recently attended a training about these systems, presented by WSP Detective McGill, and
7 I believe the information that may be stored on the vehicle's infotainment system may provide
8 evidence of this vehicle going to the Donnelly residence on the date and time the dye pack was
9 picked up from the Donnelly mailbox.
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11 On 041719 I responded to the Stevens County evidence facility with Washington State Patrol
12 Detectives L. McGill, B. McBride and S. Davis to execute a search warrant that had been issued
13 for a 2013 Ford Edge, Washington license BDE3849, registered to James R. Bolton. The vehicle
14 had been secured inside the evidence facility since it was seized on 041519.
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16 The search warrant was read to the vehicle on 041719 at 0936 hours. Exterior photos of the
17 vehicle were taken prior to the search being conducted. Once the vehicle was unlocked and
18 opened, overall photos of the interior of the vehicle were taken. During the search of the vehicle,
19 I began to see bright purple spots on the door panels of the front driver and passenger doors,
20 purple in the carpet areas of the front passenger area, and purple spots in seams, cracks and
21 door seals. Photos were taken of the areas where the purple areas were located, and these areas
22 are consistent with information provided by victim Donnelly who stated that he had placed dye
23 powder in an envelope for the suspect of his extortion letter to pick up.
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25 A piece of paper was observed laying on the floor board of the vehicle in between the driver seat
26 of the vehicle and the center console. This paper appeared to have bright purple spots on it. This
27 item was photographed, and the driver seat then moved forward so the item could be
28 photographed more clearly.
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1 The paper was identified as a vehicle service sticker that had fallen to its location. This item was
2 taken as evidence.

3 While I was gathering the evidence for the purple dye powder, WSP detectives were accessing
4 the data module that contains the data for the vehicle infotainment system. The center console
5 had to be disassembled in order to access the data module. As trim pieces of the console were
6 removed, a large quantity of purple area was located in the seams of the console pieces. These
7 areas were photographed.

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9 Two separate swabs were taken of the purple substance, one from the driver door seal, near the
10 bottom rear of the door area, and one from a section of the center console near the gear shifter
11 and cup holders. The samples were taken with sterile swabs. The swab packages were
12 photographed prior to them being used, and the samples on the swabs were then placed in
13 containers and kept as evidence. There was a large area of purple substance on a piece of tape
14 that was located on the under side of a trim piece of the center console. The tape was
15 photographed and seized as evidence.

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17 The Sync generation 1 data module that contains the data from the infotainment system was
18 removed by Detective McGill. The module was photographed and seized as evidence. Once the
19 module was sealed in an evidence bag, the sealed bag containing the module was transferred to
20 Detective McGill so he could perform the data transfer per the search warrant.

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22 All other items of evidence that had seized were photographed and secured in a locker in the
23 evidence facility.

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25 The vehicle was moved from inside the evidence building, and secured in the fenced yard of the
26 evidence facility, as it was possible that the data download from the information module could
27 take up to two days.

1 On 041819 I was advised by Detective McGill that the information from the module had
2 completed downloading. Detective McGill and Detective McBride responded to Colville and I
3 was provided with a CD containing the data downloaded from the module.
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5 Myself, Detectives McGill and McBride arrived at the Stevens County evidence facility at 1104
6 hours. The vehicle was moved back inside the evidence facility where Detectives McGill and
7 McBride reinstalled the module in the vehicle.
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9 The module install was completed at 1147 hours. Photos were taken of the evidence bag the
10 module had been placed in, showing chain of custody for the module.
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12 Once the install was complete, the warrant was closed. A copy of the search warrant and
13 inventory sheet were left on the dash of the vehicle. The vehicle was returned to the secure yard
14 of the evidence facility and evidence tape reapplied to the doors of the vehicle. Photographs
15 were taken of the vehicle after it was sealed again.
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17 After I had completed the service of the initial search warrant on the vehicle, and took swab
18 samples of the suspected dye powder and residue from inside the vehicle that was in plain view, I
19 realized that I had omitted specifically seizing evidence of the dye powder from the vehicle
20 although my intent to do so was stated in the narrative of my search warrant affidavit.
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22 Due to my error listed above, I am requesting a search warrant for the same vehicle with the
23 intent to seize evidence of the dye powder that is located inside.
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25 LOCATION TO BE SEARCHED

26 Therefore, based upon the above facts and circumstances I request that a search warrant
27 be issued directing the search of location #1 listed above
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1 1. A white, 2013 Ford Edge vehicle, VIN number 2FMDK4JC9DBB31410,
2 Washington License plate BDE3849, registered to James R. Bolton, currently
3 located in the Stevens County Sheriff's evidence facility.

4 2. All areas inside of the above listed vehicle.

5 3. Search the vehicle for evidence of dye powder, powder residue and any other
6 evidence that dye powder was or is present inside the vehicle.

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8 2. Seize if located the following property or person (s):

9 1. Any evidence of dye powder, powder residue and any other evidence that dye
10 powder was or is present inside the vehicle.

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15  #114
16 Affiant

17 Stevens County Sheriff's Office, Detective 114
18 (Agency, Title, and Personnel Number)

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20 Subscribed and sworn to me on 23 April 2019 at 8:28 AM ~~PM~~

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23 Judge

24 Originals to Court File

25 Copies to Sheriff's Office File

26 SCS # 1903342

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IN SUPERIOR COURT
STEVENS COUNTY

2019 APR 23 AM 10:09

CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF STEVENS

STATE OF WASHINGTON }

} ss.

SEARCH WARRANT

County of Stevens }

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Upon sworn affidavit made before me by Detective Travis C. Frizzell there is probable cause to believe that the crime(s) of **RCW 9A.56.030 Attempted theft in the 1st degree**, has been committed and that evidence of the crime is/are concealed in or on certain premises, vehicles, or persons. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO:

1. Search, within 10 days of this date, the premise, vehicle, or person described as follows:

1. A white, 2013 Ford Edge vehicle, VIN number 2FMDK4JC9DBB31410, Washington License plate BDE3849, registered to James R. Bolton, currently located in the Stevens County Sheriff's evidence facility.

2. All areas inside of the above listed vehicle.

3. Search the vehicle for evidence of dye powder, powder residue and any other evidence that dye powder was or is present inside the vehicle.

2. Seize if located the following property or person (s):

1. Any evidence of dye powder, powder residue and any other evidence that dye powder was or is present inside the vehicle.

3. Promptly return this warrant to me, or the clerk of this court; the return must include an inventory of all property seized.

4. A copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken shall be given to the person from whom or from whose premises property is taken. If no person is found in possession, a copy and receipt shall be conspicuously posted at the place where the property is found.

Date / Time:

April 23, 2019 @ 8:28 AM


JUDGE

JESSICA T. REEVES

Printed or Typed Name of Judge

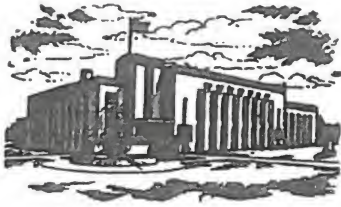
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WARRANT READ TO VEHICLE: 042319 @ 0919 HOURS

OFFICERS PRESENT: T. MILLER

B. BITTON

WARRANT CLOSED: 042319 @ 0930 HOURS



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To: (Name & Address of Party Being Served Notice)

91 7199 9991 7038 6969 5089

James R. Bolton

2533 C. Burgess Rd. Addy WA. 99101

All Other Persons Having Any Right or Interest in the Item(s) Described Below

2013 Ford Edge, WA. License # BDE3849

4/15/19
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Sheriff of Stevens County, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 69.50.505 as amended and / or 10.105.010, that on 4/15/19 / 1130 (date / time) the Stevens County Sheriff's Office seized the above described items. Said items will be placed or are in the control of the Stevens County Sheriff's Office.

Said items were seized by the Stevens County Sheriff's Office pursuant to the RCW Section 69.50, et seq. and / or Section 10.105.010.

ALL OTHER ITEMS: All persons claiming any ownership or right to possession of said items as described herein above must on or before the expiration of forty-five (45) days from 4/15/19 / 1130 (date / time) notify Stevens County Sheriff's Office at 215 S. Oak Street, Colville, WA 99114, in writing of their claim or right. After said forty-five (45) days the items will be forfeited to the Stevens County Sheriff's Office unless written claims of ownership or rights of possession of the items have been received in which instance the provisions of the RCW 69.50, et seq. and / or Section 10.105.010 will be complied with.

Any person having any questions relative to this notice may contact Stevens County Sheriff's Office at phone number (509) 684-5296.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2019.

Brad Manke, Sheriff, Stevens County, by

Tina Fennell #114
(Print / Sign)